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Renata Hesse, Antitrust Division Public Comment  
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Dear Renata Hesse,

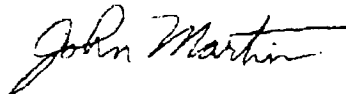
Thank you for accepting my comments regarding the anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft.

It seems to me that the companies that pushed the suit against Microsoft - their competitors: AOL, Oracle, Sun Micro - are about the only ones who don't want to see the case settled. I can understand that as rival high-tech companies, they will do "whatever it takes" to compete, but I think this case has gone on long enough.

The DOJ is on the right track to try to settle their case against Microsoft. It is my hope that eventually all of the states involved in the case will do the same. I hope that the companies that have pushed this lawsuit from the beginning see the writing on the wall and start to worry about competing for customers in the marketplace rather than the courtroom.

I strongly urge you to sign off on the settlement terms that have been agreed to by both sides so that we can at least begin to clean up the mess this case has caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Martin